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Met Office opens new Operations Centre

The new Met Office Operations Centre in Exeter will be opened on Tuesday by the Chairman of the Met Office Board, Robert Napier.

The Operations Centre at Exeter and its partner forecasting site in Aberdeen form the operational heart of the UK's national weather service, delivering forecasts to customers across the world.

Operations Manager Ian Cameron said, "Centralising most of our forecast operations at Exeter has increased consistency and commercial competitiveness and will allow the Met Office to further exploit technological advances well into the future."

As well as providing first-class forecasting services to the UK and around the world, the Met Office leads the world in climate change prediction. The Met Office is at the forefront of climate change consultancy, employing its world-renowned climate research from the Exeter-based Met Office Hadley Centre.

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